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The death of Parker L. Ward (AMA '54) in the Marshall University air disaster on November 15 left the Academy stunned and shocked. An **Ad Astra** in his junior year, and first president of the recently formed AMA Alumni Association, Parker Ward (pictured above left) will long be remembered both for the qualities that contributed to his success as a cadet and for his continuing concern with the school's welfare and development.

Saber Club Arrives

It finally came! The Saber Club, conceived as an organization for cadet officers only, has added a new page to Augusta's history. Early this fall discussions, which eventually led to the club's formation, began among many interested officers. Gradually others took part and a definite plan evolved. The first step was to decide who would run the club and help set up its code of conduct. The results of a vote taken for club officers are as follows: Capt. Richard P. Mashak, President; 1st Lt. Fred "Sandy" Henderson, Secretary; Capt. Mark H. Femrite, Treasurer.

The purposes of the Saber Club are numerous. Its main objective is to help unify cadet officers so that they might be able to work more efficiently side by side. Requirements for admission to the Club are that you must be a saber-bearing cadet in this year's corps or that you are a member of the faculty who has been either an officer in the corps of cadets or a member of **Ad Astra**.

The club is a completely independent and self-supporting organization. Currently club members are remodeling the "hut" next to Band Barracks, which they intend to use as a headquarters for their activities. All materials and building supplies are bought with dues collected from the membership.

Far From Augusta, Still In The News

Jim Stillwagon (AMA '67, now Ohio State University lineman on his way to the Rose Bowl) has been named to the **Look Magazine** All-American lineup: "Some people make it on size, some on speed, some on desire. Jim Stillwagon has made it on sheer athletic talent. Example: at Augusta Military Academy (Virginia) he played five sports and won 14 letters. Scouting report: He is probably the best defensive lineman in the country, if you don't take his size into consideration." (**Look**, December 15, 1970, p. 99).

McClungs To Leave Augusta

One of Augusta Military Academy's newest faculty members, Lt. Frank McClung, will be creating a vacancy in the English department shortly after Christmas vacation. Upon hearing the call from his draft board, Lt. McClung enlisted in the Air Force and will leave for Lockland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on January 15, 1971.

Lt. McClung has spent most of his life right here in the Shenandoah Valley. In 1964 he enrolled in AMA as a junior after attending Waynesboro High School. While at the Academy he earned the rank of First Lieutenant in command of Headquarters Company and lettered in football and track. After graduating from AMA he entered Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. There he played goalie for what turned out to be the fourth best collegiate soccer team in the nation.

After graduating from Alderson-Broaddus College, Lt. McClung accepted a post at AMA as an English teacher. Before arriving this fall, he married Linda Mitchell, the sister of 1970 AMA graduate and **Ad Astra**, Bob Mitchell. As well as teaching English, Lt. McClung has helped Col. Paul V. Hoover coach the soccer team. Cadets have also enjoyed buying supplies from pretty Mrs. McClung at the PX.

Despite his wide variety of interests, Lt. McClung considers poetry his "bag". He first started writing in English class at Waynesboro High School because he was bored. At Alderson-Broaddus he published several poems for the school newspaper and attended two state-wide poetry conferences. He plans to write poetry during his stay in the Air Force, and hopes to have made it as a poet by the time his obligation to the armed services is fulfilled. If he doesn't--well, who knows? AMA may see more of Lt. McClung.

Hard Rock Polls First, Jazz Runner-up

Cotillion Club president Tim Cooper is pleased to announce the results of AMA's first "Musical Survey". The survey was taken so that the Cotillion Club would have a better idea of the corps' tastes in music, thereby providing the corps with music that is enjoyed by the cadet majority.

Surprisingly enough, Country Folk music (including groups such as "Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young" and "The Band", and singers such as Bob Dylan and James Taylor) polled the highest amount of first place votes. "Country" ranked third, however, behind Hard Rock (Jim Hendrix and Led Zeppelin) and Jazz ("Chicago") in total points. Close behind the top three was Soul ("Temptations" and Diana Ross).

A list of complete poll results follows:

Category	First Place Points	Total Points	Percentage
Hard Rock	41	154	31.9 %
Jazz (Horn Rock)	44	120	24.8 %
Country Folk	48	106	21.9 %
Soul	24	79	16.3 %
Popular	4	12	2.5 %
Combo	4	9	1.9 %
Blues	1	3	0.7 %

Headmaster Wins Chicago Honors

Outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism were recognized during the weekend of Oct. 28-29 at the 50th convention of the National Scholastic Press Association at the Palmer House in Chicago. 50 awards were presented to the 50 individuals who were judged to have made significant contributions to the advising, editing, and publishing of high school and college newspapers, yearbooks and magazines. Nominations of 182 people were submitted to a panel of eight committee judges from both the high school and collegiate press areas.

Col. Chas. E. Savedge, Headmaster at Augusta Military Academy, and advisor for 15 years to the yearbook of the Academy, was one of the 50 journalists who received a gold medallion "Pioneer Award". Col. Savedge was the only private school adviser to be so honored, and was also the sole Virginian who received this citation.

Col. Savedge has been at the Academy for 24 years, and while advisor of the **Recall**, the yearbook has been named the number one scholastic publication in the nation. During the summer,

Col. Savedge teaches at the University of Iowa, Catholic University of America, the University of Missouri, and directs the summer school yearbook program for 385 students at Ball State University.

He is the author of a textbook on yearbook work, "Capturing the Changing Scene — Yearbooking in the '70's," which will be published this winter.

Cadet Kudos

Four cadets have been nominated for consideration as outstanding teenager of America. The four, Mike Sisak, Cam Bell, Paul Kime, and Dan Rapp, were selected for nomination by the AMA advisory board headed by Col. Charles E. Savedge.

Augusta's nominees have been active in all aspects of cadet life. All four are honor roll students and have participated in many extra-curricular activities. Mike Sisak is cadet captain in charge of public relations and editor of **Recall** to boot. Paul Kime holds down the painful job of sergeant-major while Cam Bell serves as Band company executive officer. Athletics and academics are Dan Rapp's forte.

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"To Thine Own Self Be True"

Often we are confronted with the problem of how our actions will affect others. We are often told that we should be considerate of other's feelings and that we should not be obnoxious. Should a person do what he feels is right, or should he hold back his actions for fear of hurting someone's feelings?

All of these questions can be answered in one sentence. Every person should do what he feels is right, what his conscience requires, but at the same time he should be as considerate as possible. Human emotions are probably the best and the worst things in life. Without them we are nothing. Yet with them we can sometimes make ourselves miserable.

The key to life is to please the people who most affect you. But should we please them by saying things we don't actually believe in? A perfect example of the problem can be found in the classroom. Occasionally an instructor teaches his own beliefs rather than the material as it should be presented. If a student doesn't agree with the teacher, he may lose the chance of making a good grade. Of course, cynics say that the only answer is to conform to the teacher's way of thinking and say whatever he wants to hear.

It is my belief that a person should stand up for what he believes. If you can be swayed on such a trivial matter as a good grade, then you will conform on more serious issues. Never lose your identity and never lose faith in yourself or in your decisions. After all, isn't that what life is all about?

John Paul

A Time To Work — A Time To Play?

Homework? The biggest cause of indigestion in the corps this year. Why is it that no matter how much you study you never seem to get finished with your homework? Well, this may be a legitimate complaint, but in the eyes of some faculty members it is not. A few instructors seem to think that their students owe all their "free time" to the particular subject they teach. It was brought to the attention of this newspaper that teachers were advised to try and hold the amount of homework assigned to 20 minutes per subject. This is a pretty lenient guideline to follow. There probably is no practicable way that this could be kept in effect all the time. Why is it though that some teachers go overboard as though the entire study hall belonged to them?

If teachers realized that a cadet can have only four hours of free time at best, life might be easier for the corps. Of course many cadets are sacrificing their "free time" to play sports or enter into many of the school's extracurricular activities. Some of these activities benefit the school more than the individual participating in them. When excessive homework is assigned, cadets either have to revert to studying in the sinks or quit their outside interests. Cadets aren't advocating no homework, they are just asking for the teachers to be fair when they make assignments. The cadet schedule (which doesn't provide for studying after taps) was set up by the administration. Why then doesn't the administration either design a new schedule or enforce the homework recommendation?

"Release" by Sam Wysong



Action Or Detraction

"My school right or wrong; when right to keep her right; when wrong to set her right." Maybe if we all followed this code we could have a better school and less to complain about. What is loyalty? Is it just yelling at a ball game, or maybe even defending your school when someone puts it down? Wrong, school loyalty and school spirit is much more than that.

Obviously it shows itself in such things as company raids and winning parades. But sometimes it takes other forms: constructive criticism, the desire of a person who sees something wrong with the school to seek out and effect an improvement. Of course your ideas may not correspond with those of the administration, but when was the last time you put a suggestion in the Suggestion Box? Or when was the last time you sat down with Col Livick, Maj. Dekle, or Capt. Dillow and expressed your opinions?

To some this may sound like so much rot. But consider. Recently two different types of polls were taken: a music poll, to establish the type of music the corps liked best; and a menu poll, to get some idea of meals the corps especially liked or disliked. In each case, less than half the corps responded. Only 152 music preferences and only 111 menu evaluations were received. Comparing the number handed out and the number that were filled out, it looks as though something is very wrong.

If some of the members of the corps can't even take the time to fill out a poll that is **put** in their hand, then they have no business even opening their mouths to criticize how the school is run, how the food tastes, or what music is played at dances.

Remember, loyalty means positive action, just as much as disloyalty means negative carping.

Readak, Writing, And 'Rithmetic

Academics took another step forward this year with the inclusion of Readak in the AMA curriculum. Readak is an entirely new concept in reading instruction geared to rapidly increase reading rate and comprehension. Already successful at other schools, Readak has helped nearly 90 per cent of its students.

Representing Readak as instructors, Mr. Abe Blitzer and Mr. Steve Inky arrived at Augusta in October and immediately began classes. Mr. Blitzer attended Syracuse University and received his BA in Philosophy. Mr. Inky attended the University of Georgia and received his BA in English and Journalism. Their interests are basically the same: travel, meeting people, music, teaching, and of course reading.

The methods Mr. Blitzer and Mr. Inky have been using include timed reading, controlled reading, and a teaching aid known as the tachistoscope, a machine that flashes words on a screen at a timed rate and that (when properly used) improves the quickness of the eye.

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Overtones: The Voice Of The Cadets

The Middleman

This is the story of the AMA cadet who is never seen. He is the guy who never gives his officers or NCOs any "lip". He is the guy who will keep his personal appearance and his attitude as it should be at all times. He is the guy who makes average grades. He is the guy who always hands in his homework and who respects his teachers. He is the guy who goes out for a sport and is only an average athlete. He is the guy who has the same problems as you and I but won't let them get him down. He is the guy who doesn't try to gain popularity by being a teacher's "son" or by constantly being on the black top. He is

the guy who makes up the silent majority that makes the school what it is. This cadet I salute!

Doug Pennock

Editor's Note: Right on!

Paper Formations — A "Waste" of Time

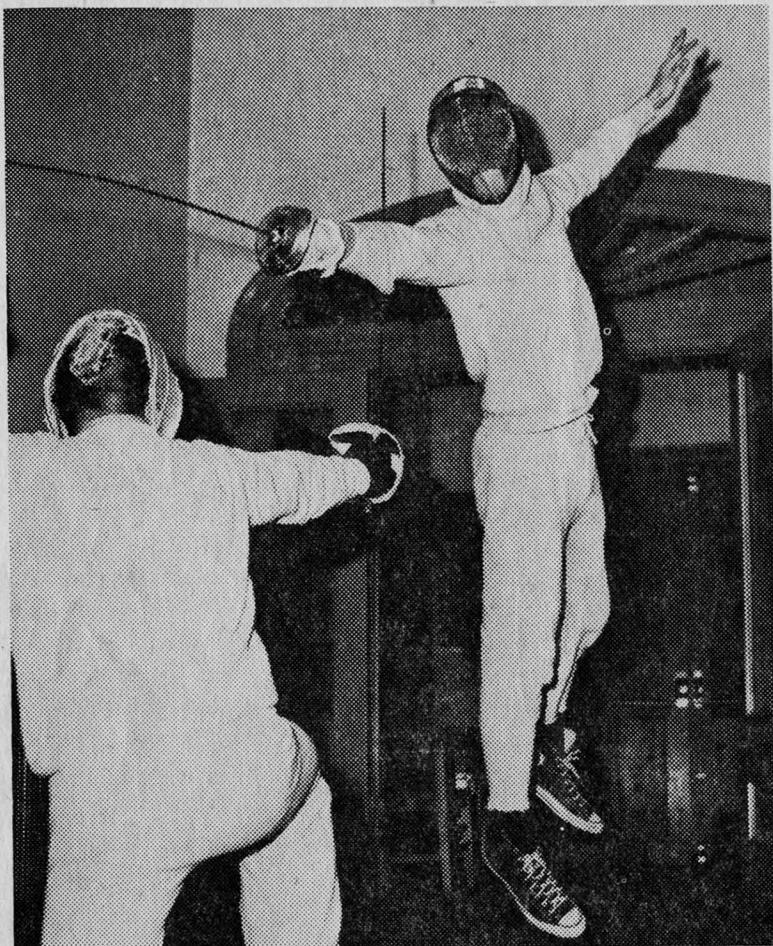
Mornings are usually the most hectic part of the day for AMA cadets, and it bothers me that we should have to add to the hassle by attending paper formations. So why should we have to waste half of the interim between BRC and "school" picking up paper when this time could be used for something more con-

This question can be answered in four words. **We shouldn't have to;** and it is only because of a minority of selfish and inconsiderate cadets that we do have to. The word "stupid" should be added to the definition of those who litter, because every morning they have to pick up paper right along side of those who don't litter. If everyone would make that "strenuous" effort of walking a few extra feet to a trash can, the grounds would be clean to begin with. It's going to be a long, cold winter, and the corps would probably be more content to spend mornings inside, rather than outside picking up after thoughtless individuals.

Doug Driscoll

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AMA Swordsman Chuck Hillsman and Don Malnati sharpen up for season opener against UVA.

Elements Hinder Soccermen

Heavy showers and an early snow storm forced the cancellation of the last two soccer matches of the season, thus dampening the hopes of the Blue Streaks for improving on their 1-4-1 record. It seems that fate just wasn't on their side this year.

After three initial shut-outs, the Streaks had begun to show remarkable improvement. They set out for Lexington where they tied Washington & Lee University 1-1. Then they hosted the Father Judd School "Blue Knights" and laid them to rest 3-1. It looked

like the Streaks were on their way and the long hard hours of practice had paid off.

Then tragedy struck. The next scheduled game coincided with the Tobacco Festival in Richmond. Roller Rifle and Band members packed their bags and boarded Richmond-bound buses, while about a fourth of the team's starting lineup and most of the "subs" departed for Hargrave Military Academy. Needless to say, the Streaks did not fare very well, and were demolished 5-0.

This setback did not demoralize them, though, because on Parents Day they were to have another crack at HMA, full strength. Their desire for re-

formance of the match, a sizzling 274.

In recognition of their achievement, Col. Malcolm H. Livick presented the team with the trophy won last year at the Virginia National Rifle Association tournament and up to this time kept on display in the Reception Room. SFC Donald Studer, coach, and Cadet William Hummer, team captain, accepted the trophy on behalf of the squad. It will now be kept on permanent display at the Rifle Range.

Bullshooters Edge Undefeated HMA

Hargrave didn't expect it, not after two straight years of unchallenged supremacy in military league rifle competitions. As a result, the HMA Tigers were left slightly numb as the Augusta Bullshooters walked off with a 1284-1245 victory December 4. Cadet Paul Kime paced the team with the highest individual per-

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Bladesmen Prep For Title

Hard work and determination is the name of the game as far as fencing is concerned, and these factors are evident in the daily practice sessions down at Hoover Hall. Perhaps this is why Col. Paul V. Hoover anticipates such a fine season for his Swordsman. According to Col. Hoover, this year's team should do as well as, or even better than last year's squad, which took first place in the Blue Ridge Fencing Conference.

A large part of last year's championship team has returned to Augusta, so the Swordsman have plenty of experience. The experienced fencers are vital to the team because they are the point getters and because they train the new recruits. These recruits will eventually become "seasoned" with experience and, in turn, assume the rolls of their previous instructors. Of the many freshmen and sophomore fencers on the team this year, a good many of them are likely to become outstanding at the sport.

venge was somewhat dampened by a drenching rain, but they cancelled the game only after the front field began to look like Lake Michigan.

Their final game was scheduled for November 4 against Albemarle. Naturally, the boys in blue were just as anxious as before to pull this one out of the hat. They were a much better team than the one that had been upset by Albemarle in the season's opener. However, Mother Nature had other ideas, and the earliest snowfall that most of us can remember just happened to fall on the same day as the game! Better elements may bring out the team's full potential next year.

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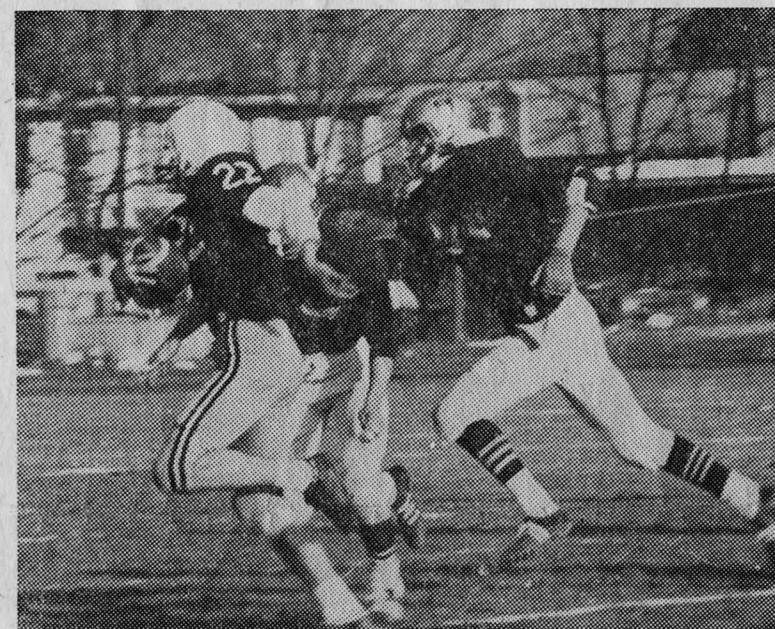
Streaks Toil For Repeat

Only one member of last year's championship basketball team, Danny Rapp, returned to AMA this year, but it still looks as though the '71 Blue Streaks could again pulverize the Virginia State Military League.

Besides Rapp, the varsity squad consists of Phil Darcus, Lester Reed, Vern Haliburton, Bo Putko, Joe Goldberg, and Jim Elliot. They are (on the average) much smaller than last year's team, the tallest member being Darcus at 6' 4". But their speed and jumping ability is overpowering, as was demonstrated

in their first non-VMSL game against the Madison College Frosh on December 3. The Squad played tight ball, but a lapse in the third period broke them and they were defeated 74-55. However, old cadets can recall losing several non-league games last year before our romp to the championship.

VMSL competition commences January 13, when the Streaks host the Staunton Military Academy Hilltoppers. It appears that AMA will be stirring up trouble for plenty of military schools this year.



Blue Streak quarterback Tom Peifer picks up small Fishburne yardage in unsuccessful attempt to get Augusta's offense moving.

Gridders End Season In Defeat

AMA's 70-71 football season concluded with a heartbreaker to Fishburne Military School, 36-0. This left the Academy Blue Streaks with a final record of two wins and five losses. Augusta's victories were at the expense of Hargrave Military Academy and the Blue Streaks' archrival Staunton Military Academy.

After a poor turnout of only nine players for early football practice, the team bounced back to finish the season with a total squad of 26. After soccer season, the team picked up Tim Cooper and Rich Maschak who were big helps in the Greenbrier and Fishburne games.

As yet it is not certain whether there will be a varsity team next year, or if the Blue Streaks will continue to play a "B" schedule. In any case, there are several players in this year's team who will be returning to face the gridiron next fall.

"Baker" Sweeps Intramurals

George Dunaway caught two touchdown passes and Dean Lohman ran five yards for another, as "B" Company trounced "C" Company in intramural football. This victory won the championship for the "B" boys. Meanwhile, on the back field, "B" Company whalloped "A" Company for the championship in intramural soccer as well.

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Cadet Corps Accelerates

To squelch another rumor, no, Capt. Robert Hume has not received a raise, nor has Col. Livick given him a brand-new 1971 Ford Custom. The car has been loaned to AMA by Wheatley-Yetzer Ford of Harrisonburg for use in the Academy's new driver education course.

Driver Education is an innovation at Augusta this year. According to Capt. Hume, the course instructor, AMA's program far surpasses all other driver education courses in the area. It is the only course that offers both night driving and defensive driving as part of its standard curriculum.

Any cadet who is sixteen or over is eligible to take driver education. The course entails 36 hours of classroom instruction, after which the student may take a written test for his learner's permit. Once he obtains his "learner's" he is eligible for seven hours of "behind the wheel instruction." The final step is passing a road test given by the Virginia State Division of Motor Vehicles.

Driver Education is offered three times during the school year for a fee of \$50.00 per student. The fee barely covers the program's operating expenses, but will more than pay for itself in the form of lower insurance costs for cadets who complete the course.



What the world needs now is peace **AND** patriotism! Such was the musical message of the New Dimensions pictured above, who captivated the corps on November 17 with an hour of unexpected "Rock" entertainment. Rarely has love of country been so uniquely and forcibly expressed.

Poll Results May Alter Menu

Of AMA's many changes this year, one of the most interesting is the new system of planning meals. This past summer AMA hired Mr. John Amacher of the University of Virginia food service to help plan a completely new menu cycle. The principal reasons for the new menu cycle are to add more variety to the meals and to provide a more nutritious diet. It also provides for better service and less confusion in the kitchen.

No meal will be served more than four times a month under

the new system, and the cycle is flexible enough so that changes and substitutions can be made easily. The new cycle is only the first step of an overall revision of the mess hall service.

Recently a poll was taken so that cadets could have a say in the recycling program. Apparently, two-thirds of the cadet corps is satisfied with the meals as they are, for only 111 replies were turned in. However, the results of those that were turned in were informative, and they will

be a main factor in determining any changes to be made.

The most popular meals are bacon and English muffins for breakfast, ham burgers and French fries for lunch, and cube steak for dinner. Of course, man cannot live on bacon, English muffins, hamburgers, French fries, and cube steak alone. Thus cadets may still have to force down foods for which they have registered the most distaste: sausage and potatoes, sloppy Joes, and stuffed peppers. Umm . . . delicious!

Students Tour Stonewall Plant

Streptomycin? Sulfaquinoxaline? Athabrine? What do all these terms mean? Just ask any one of Col. Charles E. Savedge's chemistry students who participated in the field trip to the Stonewall Plant of Merck & Company, Inc. on November 16.

The 33 boys who took the trip shared a very interesting experience and expanded their knowledge of chemistry's practical applications. They were especially impressed by the fermentation of streptomycin, an antibiotic that is very effective in combatting tuberculosis.

AMA is the first military school to have a group tour the Stonewall Plant which was built in 1941. Col. Savedge and Major John Dekle did their best to contain the group's enthusiasm as it examined equipment and analyzed manufacturing processes.

All students were grateful for the invitation extended by Cadet Bill Dulaney's father. Mr. Carey Dulaney is a control chemist at the plant.

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Sección De Espanol

by Roger Rodriguez

Las vacaciones de navidades se acercan y todos las esperamos con mucho entusiasmo. La mayoría de nosotros regresaremos a nuestros hogares donde nos reuniremos con nuestras familias para pasar unas felices pascuas acompañados de nuestros seres queridos y amistades.

Los que se quedan, tienen muchos planes para divertirse y probar esa cerveza fría y sabrosa con las cuales se celebran las navidades.

Pero digame ustedes, que piensan hacer? Ya le escribieron a Santa Clause?

Sabemos que nuestro amigo Prado le pidió una munequita de carne y hueso, y si se trata de Diego, el lo único que ambiciona es poder estar con Linda, Rogelio está que se muere por ver a Elia, Paco Seco sigue más loco que una cabra.

Pero dejando el tema y entrando en las actividades de la LSA (Latinos Sociedad Anónima). Todos queremos agradecerle al "General" Rapp y el "Coronel" Hall por habernos acompañado al picnic al igual que agradecemos la cooperación de aquellos que fueron. Todos la pasamos muy divertida y esperamos volverla a hacer de nuevo.

Bueno mis queridos lectores me despido de ustedes muy cariñosamente deseándoles que pasen unas felices pascuas y un prospero año nuevo.

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They stated that the average high school student should be reading approximately 350 words per minute and comprehending 80 per cent of what they read. When asked how AMA cadets were doing, they replied that those who wanted to get something out of the course were doubling or tripling their reading speed as well as their comprehension.

The program concluded on December 4, but according to Mr. Blitzer Readak may return in the spring if Augusta can guarantee a minimum enrollment of 25.

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